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The Honorable Joey Manahan, Chair and Members Committee on Transportation Honolulu City Council 530 South Kings Street, Room 202 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Manahan and Members:

SUBJECT: Bill 8 (2018), Relating to Buses

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS), supports the intent of Bill 8 (2018), Relating to Buses.

As you may know, Mayor Caldwell has pledged to a transition to 100 percent renewable power by 2035 for City fleet vehicles. Bill 8 however, requires the City to achieve that goal by 2020, and that time frame is not attainable.

Even if the necessary budget amounts were allocated and the procurement process expedited, the industry is not mobilized to deliver the total number of zero emission buses (540) to Honolulu by 2020. We believe the amendments below are more reasonable and would require a fleet of at least 300 zero emission buses by the year 2025. This will require an estimated \$100 million per year than has been historically available for fleet replacement.

DTS offers the following proposed amendments to SECTION 2 of the bill:

(b) Only zero emission buses may be used to service routes with at least one bus stop at or within 100 yards of an active Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project rail station or multi-modal transit center. A rail station is deemed "active" when trains [that] are in full revenue service [stop at the station.] for all twenty-one stations along the rail alignment. This requirement does not apply to routes that include at least one bus stop that is at least

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[nine] three miles away from the closest Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project rail station or multi-modal transit center.

(c) This section shall not apply to para-transit vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer proposed amendments. Should you have any questions please call me at 768-8303.

Very truly yours,

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